(c) and (d) The 8th Five Year Plan is yet to be formulated and hence the target of oil production and the outlays required for doing so are yet to be firmed up.

Local dialling at New Bombay

580. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present subscribers in New Bombay area which is under Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. have to use STD for getting Bombay;

(b) whether Government are aware that this causes great inconvenience to the New Bombay subscribers and also discourages development of New Bombay; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to bring New Bombay directly under the local dialling network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bombay and New Bombay are treated as two separate Local Areas since they serve the areas under Bombay and Thane Municipal Corporations and New Bombay Municipal Corporation. The calls between the two are charged as between two non adjoining unit fee zones. At present there is no proposal to bring New Bombay directly under the local dialling network of Bombay.

Opening of new post offices in Eastern suburb of Bombay

581. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand for opening of new Post Offices at many places in the Eastern subsurb of Bombay;

(b) if so, which are the places that have been indentified for the purpose; and

(c) by when the Post Offices in those places are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir, there are demands for opening of new post offices in the eastern suburbs of Bombay.

(b) There are proposals for opening of post offices at (i) Vikroli, (ii) Ghatkopar, (iii) Muland East, (iv) Anushakti-Nagar, (v) Mahul and (vi) Bhandup.

(c) It is not practicable to indicate the time by which the proposed post offices can be set up as availability of suitable rented accommodation is a major constraint in Bombay.

Common telephone exchange for Mangalore and adjoining areas

582. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mangalore City and the adjoining areas is rapidly developing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that for certain parts of Mangalore City are not covered by the Mangalore Telephone Exchsange but are covered by another Exchange;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for certain areas around Mangalore new Telephone Exchanges have been commissioned and to and from calls are treated as local-calls; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for which Government have not brought all these areas under one Telephone Exchange for the convenience of the public?